GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

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ACCIDENTS IN COAL MINES
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a): the number of workers died and injured, separately, in the underground coal mines due to accidents during the last three years and the current year;

(b): the details of compensation, relief etc. provided to the injured miners and families of deceased in such cases:

(c): the rate of such accidents reported in India and other countries;

(d): Whether his Ministry has made any appraisal of safety of the said miners; and

(e): if so, the details thereof and the action taken so far in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COAL & MINES (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 51 for answer on 04.03.2002 regarding Accidents in Coal Mines.

(a) : The numbers are as follows:

Year	Fatalities			Serious Injuries		
	CIL	SCCL	Total	CIL	SCCL	Total
1999	69	18	87	300	81	381
2000	58	21	79	414	69	483
2001	78	21	99	361	92	453
2002	1		10	6		9

+ CIL figures are for January, 2002 and SCCL figures are up to 20-2-2002.

(b): Compensation paid under the Workmen's Compensation Act to dependents of persons who lost their lives in accidents in underground mines of CIL and SCCL during the last three years and current year are given below:-

Year	Compensation (In Rupees)		
	CIL	SCCL	Total
1999	1,07,76,480	31,05,208	1,38,81,688
2000	92,94,314	34,10,388	1,27,04,702
2001	1,21,68,630	30,33,383	1,52,02,013
2002(up to January)	9,64,523	-	9,64,523

In addition, the following reliefs are provided to the dependent of the deceased worker:-

- One dependent of the deceased worker is provided employment in the company or monthly monetary compensation is given in case there is no eligible person for employment.
- Funeral expenses.
- Ex-gratia as per company's rule
- Benefits as per life cover scheme.
- Benefits of benevolent fund.

Compensations paid under the Workmen's Compensation Act in case of serious injuries due to accidents in the mines of CIL in the last three years are given below:

Year	Total compensation for serious injuries in CIL (in Rupees)
1999	42,70,461
2000	38,85,328
2001	18,23,914

(c): The fatality rate per 3,00,000 manshift deployed in coal mines of India and other countries are given below:-

Year	Australia	France Republic	India	CIL	Japan	USA	Germany	Czech
1996	0.39	0.51	0.28	0.24	0.00	0.41	0.31	0.26
1997	0.24	0.20	0.31	0.25	0.63	0.31	0.25	0.47
1998	0.39	NA	0.29	0.24	0.00	0.31	0.05	0.27
1999	0.31	0.00	0.27	0.25	NA	0.40	NA	0.27
2000	NA	0.32	0.29	0.25	NA	NA	NA	0.30

(d) & (e): The issue of safety of coal mine workers is examined regularly by the following bodies:-

- Standing Committee on Safety in Coal Mines Chaired by the Minister of Coal & Mines where Trade Union representatives, representatives of the Mine Managements, the Ministry of Coal & Mines, representative of Ministry of Labour and DGMS participate. These meetings are held bi-annually.

- Conferences on safety in mines held by the Ministry of Labour/DGMS where Trade Union Representatives, representatives of Mine Managements, representatives of Educational Institutions/Research Institutes and Ministry of Coal & Mines participate. These meetings are held every three or four years.

In addition, within Coal India Limited the issue is reviewed bi-annually by the Coal India Safety Board where Trade Union Representatives, representatives of the Mine Managements, the Ministry of Coal & Mines and representatives of Ministry of Labour (DGMS) participate.